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LOAN APPLICATIONS UNDER SPECIAL PURPOSE TEA FUND
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received for loans so far under the Special Purpose Tea Fund(SPTF) during each of the last three years and in the current year till date, State-wise;

(b) the number of applications considered till now;

(c) whether any steps have been taken for the early disposal of all the pending applications;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): The Special Purpose Tea Fund was introduced in January, 2007.The number of loan applications received under the scheme up to 31.3.2008 are:

State No. of applications

North India

(i)Assam 200

(ii)West Bengal 104

(iii)Others 19

South India

(i)Tamil Nadu 2

(ii)Kerala 14

Total 319

(b): Tea Board has issued sanctions in respect of 122 applications so far.

(c) to (e): The scheme was launched only last year. Tea Board has fine tuned the modalities and procedures under the scheme to

ensure its smooth implementation and early disposal of the applications.